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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS:

WOODSTOCK MAN ARRAIGNED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives William J. Hoover, Lincoln Police Chief Theodore P. Smith, and Woodstock Police Chief Douglas L. Moorhead, announced today that Warren L. Haynes, age 38, of Woodstock, New Hampshire, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Concord, New Hampshire, for being a Felon in Possession of Firearms and a Drug User in Possession of Firearms. Mr. Haynes was arraigned today before Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead in United States District Court. The defendant had previously been ordered to be detained pending trial.

His trial is scheduled to begin on August 18, 2004 before Judge Joseph DiClerico. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of ten (10) years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine on each count if convicted.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws. Attorney General John Ashcroft recently called Project Safe Neighborhoods “a revolutionary campaign against gun crime in America.”

The case was investigated by the Lincoln, NH Police Department and the Woodstock, NH Police Department with the assistance of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde R. W. Garrigan, Project Safe Neighborhoods Coordinator for New Hampshire.

Please note that a criminal indictment is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.